



# City of Annapolis

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## Historic Preservation Commission

December 17, 2014

The Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) of the City of Annapolis held a special public meeting on December 17, 2014 in the City Council Chambers. **Chair** Kennedy called the special meeting to order at 5:00pm.

**Commissioners Present:** **Chair** Kennedy, **Vice Chair** Leahy, Phillips, Toews, Kabriel, Finch

**Commissioners Absent:** Zeno

**Staff Present:** Craig-Chief of Historic Preservation Officer

**Chair** Kennedy noted that this special hearing is being held to discuss curbing at Cornhill Street.

**Chair** Kennedy introduced the commissioners and staff. She stated the Commission's purpose pursuant to the authority of the land use articles and administered the oath en mass to all persons intending to testify at the hearing.

### C. CONSENT DOCKET

There are no applications to be placed on the consent docket.

### D. NEW BUSINESS

#### 1. Cornhill Street – City of Annapolis/Department of Public Works – Sidewalk and curb replacement.

Mr. Rodger McAlister provided and described a packet of photographs of the sidewalk and curb proposed for replacement to show the existing conditions as well as why the replacement is needed.

**Staff:** Ms. Craig noted that there is not a lot of research in the files on the paving and curbing of Cornhill Street so the HPC historian has been asked to research her records for additional information. She noted that there appears there is nothing in the record for paving and curbing until 1897. She restated her written comments and recommended conditional approval as detailed in the staff report.

Mr. Jarrell provided background on existing conditions and the best approach for moving the project forward. He explained that last winter BGE had several severe problems with their gas line on Cornhill Street so had to perform some emergency repairs and because of this decided this Fall to replace the gas line. During the process of BGE opening of the road, it was determined that the City's water line on Cornhill Street was not in good condition so the decision was made to repair the water line. As part of the arrangement with BGE, it was agreed that they would pave Cornhill Street after the work was completed. As part of the water line project, some of the curbs and sidewalks were damaged so needed to be repaired. There are no funds programmed for the permanent repairs so the City has opted for the temporary repairs. There is an understanding that there needs to permanent repairs but the City is unable to provide a time schedule as to when funding will be approved to do it.

**Public:** Public testimony opened at 5:27pm and those speaking on the application are noted below.

Name	Address	In Favor	In Opposition	Comment
Kris Wilson	50&52 Cornhill Street	X		w/comment
Kevin Stitely	53 Cornhill Street	X		

Name	Address	In Favor	In Opposition	Comment
Frank Parent	57 Cornhill St.	X		
Elly Tierney	President of Ward 1 85 East Street	X		

No one else from the public spoke in favor or in opposition of the application so **Chair** Kennedy declared the public hearing closed at 5:46pm. Mr. Jarrell responded to some of the public comments specifically regarding the conditions of the sidewalks before and after the work.

**Commissioners:** The HPC asked several questions regarding the project which the applicant addressed.

**Vice Chair** Leahy noted that whereas the application for Cornhill Street complies with SOI #6, HPC guidelines D.5, D.6, D.13 and E.1, moved approval subject to the following conditions:

- 1). Applicant will engage HPC archaeologist in monitoring of construction activity and provide report to the HPC on any discoveries within 30 days of project completion;
- 2). Applicant will complete for staff review and approval a site-specific assessment of all remaining curbing to identify existing materials and conditions prior to initiation and inventory of existing materials and the locations;
- 3). Applicant will provide to the HPC within six months of the completion of the project, a photographic conditions assessment of the temporary repair;
- 4). Applicant will submit to the HPC within one year of issuance of the Certificate of Approval, a proposal for replacement of the temporary curbing with a historically appropriate replacement;
- 5). Applicant shall submit engineering specification drawings to staff for review; and
- 6). The Certificate of Approval for the temporary repairs shall expire July 1, 2016.

Ms. Phillips seconded the motion. The motion passed in a vote of 5-1. (Kabriel dissents)

The following Commissioners made a site visit on this application.

Name
Kennedy, Leahy, Toews, Kabriel, Phillips

**Chair** Kennedy accepted the following exhibits into the record.

Exhibit Number	Exhibit Types
A	HPC Application dated 11/26/14
B	Staff report dated 12/16/14
C	Photographs of the sidewalk and curb
D	Historic Baltimore Sun Photograph

With there being no further business, **Vice Chair** Leahy moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:09pm. Mr. Toews seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously in a vote of 7-0.

**The next meeting is scheduled for January 13, 2015 at 6:30pm (closed session) at the City Council Chambers.**

Tami Hook, Recorder